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Linder 18 inches Stainless steel machete.

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Description :

A test of another good quality heavy machete

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Testing a stainless steel machete was what got me into this. A Stainless steel machete has the certain advantage of needing no care...

The Linder 18" heavy machete, compared to a Parang Lading

This is a Stainless steel heavy machete, that comes originally with a convex. I reprofiled the edge which was way too thick. In the process the epoxy coating was lost, I do not see the point of an epoxy coating on a stainless steel machete anyway.

The now reprofiled machete. The sheath needs to be opened to release the machete. The sheath is good quality cordura, and tha machete will not cut through at the first shock.

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Blade thickness.

A thick blade, quite heavy to swing, forget it if you are not in good shape. But as a result, is shows a tremendous cutting power.

Quite close to what I could do with a Gransfors Small Forest Axe in the same amount of time.
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Two remarks:

Vibrations are high, and strong due to hidden full tang. Glancing is easy, due to the convex edge and high power, If you get one TAKE CARE!

I tried it in pine and hard wood, it works fine, because of the power. may be a bit too heavy to clean smaller vegetation.

Ergonomics are fine, though being used to goloks and parangs not really to my taste. I still prefer a Parang Lading for this weight, but this machete has a bit more reach, and is Stainless. The handle is some hard wood, and its shape is standard and good for a machete.

Edge holding:

Some of the branches had earth on them. the machete shows some rolled edges, that went away within two seconds of a norton stone. Need more test to really tell, but this is quite OK for me.

Steel. The steel is easy to sharpen, and seems to show a good machinability. I'd vote for a 420 or 440A. It is not very important for a machete, as you are not meant to cut hardwood, but this one will still do it.

I paid 39 Euro for it.

Conclusion This is one is very powerful tool and shows good quality. My prefered tool is still the parang, because more confortable, but it is not stainless.

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